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DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE ____ SESSION OF THE ____ TH CONGRESS
(Items in each Part are listed in order of priority)

PART I -- PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM PROPOSALS

1. Alaska Omnibus Act -- To make those changes in Federal laws which have become necessary and desirable because of Alaska's admission into the Union. Proposal would (a) make Alaska eligible to participate in a number of Federal grant-in-aid programs on a comparable basis with the other States; (b) terminate certain special Federal programs; (c) authorize Federal financial assistance during an interim period, transfers of Federal property to the State, and other measures required to facilitate orderly transition; (d) clarify the applicability of certain laws to Alaska; and (e) eliminate inappropriate references to the "Territory of Alaska" in Federal statutes.

Early enactment is required to assure continuity of a number of essential public services in Alaska and to provide for the orderly transition of Alaska to statehood. Drafting has been substantially completed and a bill will be submitted to the Bureau of the Budget shortly.

Bill will authorize transitional grants as follows: \$10.5 million for fiscal year 19__, \$6 million for 19__ and 19__, and \$2.5 million for 19__ and 19__. Amounts appropriated for grants for a number of activities would be offset to a large extent by elimination of appropriations for a number of activities which the Federal Government would have continued to finance had Alaska remained a territory.

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PART II -- ALL OTHER PROPOSALS

3. Unemployment insurance for ex-servicemen -- Would extend unemployment insurance provisions of the Social Security Act for Federal civilian employment to cover service in the armed forces. Program would be administered by States under agreements with Federal Government. Purpose is to insure individuals leaving the armed forces the same income protection enjoyed by Federal civilian employees and most industry employees.

H. R. 10000 and S. 5000 were introduced in the first session of the 8th Congress as departmental proposals. H. R. 10000 was reported July 1, 19__ (House Report No. 888). No action on S. 5000.

Benefit costs for 19__ are estimated at \$50 million. There will be offsetting savings of about \$10 million since some individuals qualified under existing law will seek benefits under the new law. Administrative costs are estimated at approximately \$3.2 million in 19__. Benefit and administrative costs for the four years after 19__ will be dependent on employment conditions then prevailing but are not expected to exceed the cost estimates for 19__.

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